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Mr. George E. Chapman
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Texas Workers' Compensation
Commission
4000 South IH-35
Austin, Texas 78704

OR91-121

Dear Mr. Chapman:

You ask whether certain information regarding payments to physicians is subject to required public disclosure under the Texas Open Records Act, article 6252-17a, V.T.C.S. Your request was assigned ID# 11648.

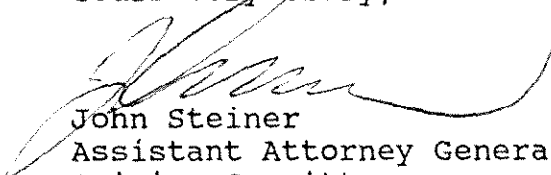
You advise that you have no information responsive to a request for information about actions taken against a certain physician or to a request for information about physicians receiving the most money from the Workers' Compensation Commission during certain years.

You advise that any information regarding payments made to a certain physician would only be in individual claimant files and is not indexed or retrievable without the identity of an individual claimant.

Accordingly, it appears that it is not possible to respond to the request for information. A governmental body has no obligation to compile or prepare new information. Open Records Decision Nos. 555 (1990); 467 (1987). As you note in your letter, access to claim files regarding employees is governed by article 8308-2.31 et. seq., V.T.C.S.

If you have questions about this ruling, please refer to OR91-121.

Yours very truly,


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